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FROM: Beirut

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 515, September 12, 2 p.m.

*ALLA, HAJI AMIN*

DEPT PASS CAIRO. SENT DEPT 515, RPTD INFO CAIRO 58, DAMASCUS 54.

In view of favorable circumstances (LEOTEL 505, Sept 12) subject of :  
Jerusalem Mufti Hussein's activities was raised with Grand Mufti  
Allaya of Lebanon yesterday (DEPTTEL 465, Sept 9)

It was apparent that while basic courtesies are exchanged Allaya  
wastes no (rpt no) love on Hussein. They do visit each other  
as occasion requires.

Allaya was told: (a) While he and others have been giving con-  
structive attention on such problems as pilgrims and refugees,  
Hussein is neutralizing much of their good work by stirring up  
trouble; (b) There are reports that Hussein is even prevailing  
on leaders as Shishikli to thwart help to unfortunate refugees,  
and (c) Embassy wld appreciate whatever he might be able to do  
to dissuade Hussein from unconstructive activities.

Allaya replied: (a) Hussein is virtually alone and his funds are  
low (Allaya has recently refused to come to his financial rescue);  
(b) Hussein's influence has waned; and (c) we shld not (rpt not)  
be too worried about him.

Present conditions being what they are, it is not (rpt not) un-  
likely suggestion dropped to Allaya may bear some fruits.  
Hussein, however, is such an inveterate troublemaker, there is  
little any human can do to neutralize his activities, let  
alone convert him.

Incidentally, Hussein is leaving Beirut today for one week's  
sojourn Egypt, motive unknown.

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